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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for BlackRock, Inc. (a private non-governmental party) certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party which are publicly held and own ten percent or more of the stock of BlackRock, Inc.: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and PNC Bancorp, Inc, which is owned by The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

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